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Friend,

As warmer weather arrives and the end of the school year approaches, many families may be considering adding a four-legged friend to their households. Adopting a pet should be a time of celebration and excitement, but if you aren't careful, fraudsters can take advantage of your eagerness to find a furry friend and scam you out of hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

It's hard to believe scammers are preying on people who are trying to adopt pets, but it's true—since the beginning of 2017, Fraud.org has received an unusual number of complaints from consumers about fraudulent puppy sales. [Read our newest alert about this common scam to learn how to avoid it.](#)

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